

House Resolution No. 3671

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are pleased and honored to recognize Missourians who have witnessed dramatic changes in America during their sojourn on this most precious Earth; and

Whereas, the members now find it altogether fitting and proper to pause in their course of the diverse daily activities to recognize Grace Whitson Long, of Bernie, Missouri, who will celebrate her ninety-fifth birthday on July 26, 2008, at Winchester Place in Bernie; and

Whereas, Grace Whitson was born on July 26, 1913, in Hickman, Fulton County, Kentucky, the treasured daughter of Joseph W. and Laura Edna Barry Whitson; and

Whereas, Grace Whitson Long gave her professional life to the teaching profession, retiring from the New Madrid County school system after more than forty years in education; and

Whereas, Grace Whitson Long's teaching career began in a one-room school house in Madrid Bend, Fulton County, Kentucky, and she later moved to Lilbourn, Missouri, where she continued to teach; and

Whereas, Grace Whitson Long also taught in the Risco and Parma, Missouri, school systems

Whereas, Grace Whitson Long earned her bachelor of arts from Arkansas State University and her master's in education with a focus on remedial reading from Southeast Missouri State University; and

Whereas, after retiring from the teaching profession, Grace Whitson Long pursued a career as a community volunteer, serving among others the Dexter Memorial Hospital Ladies Auxiliary and the fight against illiteracy, having been nominated for Altrusa Volunteer of the Year; and

Whereas, Grace Whitson Long is a member of the Missouri State Retired Teachers Association, Altrusa, the American Red Cross, and the Daughters of the American Revolution; and

Whereas, Grace Whitson Long has been blessed with a wonderful family which includes her children, Linda Grace Long Vincent, Brenda Carolyn Long Campbell, Robbie Laura Long Burnett, and the late Danna Jo Long Lape; eleven grandchildren; and thirteen great-grandchildren:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our most sincere congratulations to Grace Whitson Long on the illustrious occasion of her ninety-fifth birthday, with our most heartfelt best wishes for many more happy years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Grace Whitson Long.

Offered by _____
Representative Billy Pat Wright
District No. 159

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 3671, adopted July 22, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker